

The Next Frontier in Western Wildlife Conservation

Finding Real Solutions for Real Conservation Targets

State and federal agencies are increasingly facing pressure from Congress and the public to demonstrate that their wildlife conservation activities are achieving meaningful improvements in wildlife populations. At the same time, stressors such as land use pressures, climate change, and invasive species are also increasing. Managers are forced to make difficult decisions about how best to manage species and landscapes, given a surplus of conservation needs but limited human and financial resources.

To help address these challenges, in 2010 and 2011 the Bureau of Land Management is sponsoring a series of workshops in Western states in partnership with the Heinz Center.

In each one-week workshop, wildlife and natural resource managers will work together to identify a select number of urgent conservation priorities and design a monitoring framework, using existing resources, to track progress towards achieving conservation goals.

In each state, the process will build partnerships, encourage information sharing, help states do their work more efficiently, help states quantify success stories, and build a base of information that can feed into other national, regional, and statewide conservation efforts.



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workshops are:

FLEXIBLE to meet the needs of each state
TRANSPARENT to foster an honest dialogue
COLLABORATIVE to include the diversity of partners and priorities within each state
CONSENSUS-BASED to highlight common concerns and goals



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"This process has been very helpful to our Agency. It strengthened relations with our State Wildlife Action Plan partners, helped us leverage additional funding and put field projects in place to test our performance measures on the ground."

Laura Richards
Chief of Wildlife Diversity
Nevada Department of Wildlife



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Guiding the Process

Trained facilitators act as neutral convenors to guide participants through a process that is specifically tailored to each state's unique requirements and conditions. The facilitators gained experience through the *State of the Nation's Ecosystems Project*, a successful ten-year effort that brought scientists, business leaders, policymakers and NGOs together to design and implement a system of key national environmental indicators for the U.S.A.

Advancing Wildlife Conservation in the West Through CONSENSUS

In only five days this workshop will deliver:

- A list of the most critical conservation priorities in your state
- A fully-developed conceptual model for each high-priority target
- A detailed analysis of threats, stressors, and conservation actions, along with desired outcomes and conditions, for each target
- A monitoring design framework, using existing data, to help inform wildlife management at all levels within your state

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